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. . . GOD and the WAR . . .

LET US PAINT again the scenes of the day of Christ's crucifixion. The city of Jerusalem with its towers and minarets gleaming in the morning sunshine. The motley crowd composed of Pharisee, Scribe, Jew, Greek, and Roman, surrounding the Cross. The priests and people reviling Him. Some standing watching out of curiosity. Others going about their business in indifference. And the soldiers playing their sordid game of dice at the very foot of the Cross. The jeers of the crowd, the oaths and curses of the soldiers mingling with the moans and sufferings. Over-shadowing all—the gaunt figure of the Son of God.

Suddenly a cloud steals across the face of the sun. It begins to grow darker and darker. The ribald shouts of the crowd die down. The darkness of midnight envelops the land. And in the darkness is a fearful, wondering crowd. And more—in the midst of the darkness is a Cross!

But let us bridge the gulf of the years and come to A. D. 1941. Once again the world is plunged into darkness. In 1914 Sir Edward Grey said, "The lights of Europe are going out." One by one they went out, and for four years Europe was plunged into darkness. At the end of that time they were lit again. Amid much opposition and many flickerings they continued to shine for twenty-one years. On September 3, 1939, the then Prime Minister of England, Neville Chamberlain, spoke into the microphone the fateful words: "We are at war." And one by one they flickered and went out again.

Europe once more is plunged into darkness. A darkness which is even more intense than the last. A darkness that can be felt. In the midst of the dark-

ness is a fearful, wondering crowd, afraid of what is coming on the world, and yet it still has to reckon with the Christ of the Cross.

It has always been so. The two are inseparable—the darkness and the Cross. The one is the cause of the other, and yet it is illumined by the other. The Cross brings the darkness, and the darkness is illumined by the Cross.

It was sin that caused the midnight gloom because it caused the Cross. As one hymn-writer has put it:

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in,
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man, the creature's sin.

How terrible is sin that would bring Christ down from the glory, that would hound Him to Golgotha, and nail Him to the Cross. Sin brought a curtain of darkness over the pure spirit of Christ and then over the land. And it is sin that is responsible for the darkness over the world today. What of ourselves? It is all very well to point the finger at someone else and say, "Thou art the man," but there are times when God points the finger at us and says, "And thou art the man too!" We must shoulder our own share of the blame. What of our pleasure-seeking, God-forgetting, Bible-neglecting, to say nothing of the grosser sins and the ever-increasing list of immorality and crime? These all have brought darkness because they crucified the Son of God afresh.

As we gaze at the Divine figure on the Cross we see the face marked with suffering, the body writhing

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CURRENT SIGNS

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY—BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Sky Dreadnaughts

Glenn L. Martin Company's new medium bomber, the B-26 flying torpedo, powered by two 1,850-horsepower Pratt and Whitney air-cooled motors, is understood to have a range of 1,500 miles and a speed of between 350 and 400 miles an hour, about equal to that of the fastest pursuit ships now fighting in Europe, with a full military cargo. This latter includes an exceptionally heavy bomb load, reputedly in excess of the four to five tons carried by a flying fortress. Furthermore, the B-26 incorporated all the latest European improvements, including power-driven gun turrets (one atop the fuselage back of the wings and another in the tail), leakproof tanks, and armor protection for the crew, and is credited with armament of a dozen 30 and 50 caliber guns.



World's Largest Plane

The enormous size of the world's largest airplane can be somewhat visualized as we consider its mammoth wheels. Built for the monster air corps Douglas Bomber B-19, are tires over eight feet in diameter and weighing 2,700 pounds each; just about twenty-three times the size of an average girl.

What About It?

Military men say that the first World War was a victory of the steel mills of Pittsburgh over the steel mills of the Ruhr. It is very likely that this World War is a battle between the airplane factories of California and the factories of Dachau, Essen, and Berlin.

Troops in Jerusalem

Of late many troops from England, Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia, South Africa, and India have been pouring into Palestine. There are also Polish, a few French troops, as well as Czechs who recently crossed over the border from Syria. These troops are all taken to Jerusalem

where they are shown the various sights, the ancient walls, the temple area, the places of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Special guides have been set apart to conduct the men around the city where our Lord spent His last earthly days. Jerusalem now has a population of 125,000, and is perhaps the most cosmopolitan city on the globe. It has its own broadcasting station and messages are broadcast in English, Hebrew, Arabic, Italian, German, and French.

Crime Costs

In the minute it will take you to read this, fourteen persons will be sent to jail and insurance companies will have paid out \$40 for burglaries and robberies. During these sixty seconds the Federal Bureau of Investigation will have filed two sets of finger prints and will have identified one person. Every minute it costs America \$250 to maintain its prisons, and every minute crime costs you, the taxpayer, \$3,000.

Cats Inherit \$10,000

Members of the Black Gold Post, Veterans of the Foreign Wars, in Taft, California, have three cats as mascots, and when the felines die the military organization will be \$10,000 richer all because a woman loved cats. She left her entire estate valued at \$10,000 to her three cats. The will provides that when the cats succumb, whatever remains in the estate is to go to the Veterans organization.

Among German Soldiers

A correspondent writes: "On December 6 I was privileged to talk to a lady (a Quaker) who had just come from England, and she told me there was a deep religious feeling there but no outward sign of revival or anything unusual spiritually. She said, 'The German government made many preachers go into the army. These earnest ministers are preaching in the army camps, and the soldiers are having prayer meetings, singing hymns, and reading the Word of God. This is on no small scale.'"

America, Wake Up!

According to a report by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, America has paid \$21,503,048,000 for the various

liquors she has consumed since the repeal of Prohibition seven years ago. This amount was spent for 9,565,920 barrels of 100 proof alcohol, 270,000,000 barrels of beer and 450,000,000 gallons of wine.

But this is not the end of the liquor question! Other facts which the W.C.T.U. has given are as follows:

1. Arrests for drunkenness have nearly doubled—the ratio per 100,000 population increased 82.1 per cent in 1939 over 1932.
2. Death due to alcoholism was 41 per cent higher than the first seven years of prohibition.
3. Arrests for drunken driving, in ratio of 100,000 population, increased 61.3 per cent in 1939 over 1932. Traffic deaths increased 80 per cent during the repeal period over the first seven years of prohibition.
4. The nation's retailers of liquor had grown to 420,000 by July 1, 1940.
5. Brewers have spent nearly \$300,000,000 in advertising, propaganda, and sales appeal to entice millions of non-drinking youths and women.
6. Factories producing distilled spirits have sold \$5,106,296,342 worth of merchandise, the beer producers three times that amount or \$14,882,048,342, and the wine makers \$1,605,000,000 of wine with 14 to 21 per cent alcoholic content.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." How can God bless a nation that is living so far below His standard?

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Our Glorious ROCK . . .

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IN CONSIDERING this subject, there are limitless heights to which we may rise and depths that we may explore, and yet the half has never been told of all the glories that concern our Rock. Our text says, "Our Rock is not like their rock, our enemies themselves being judges" (Deut. 32:31). We need not defend our Rock for our enemies can see His works among His people, and they themselves can judge between other rocks and ours. How should one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight except their Rock hath sold them and the Lord hath shut them up? We understand that the Rock is a type of our Lord and Christ, and it is from this angle I wish to speak of Him as our glorious Rock.

One of the first wonderful facts is that our Rock is *responsive*. In Exodus 17:6 we read these words: "Behold I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink."

Here we have the first glimpse of the responding rock in type, and in 1 Cor. 10:1-4 we read: "Moreover, brethren, I would not have you ignorant how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink that same spiritual drink: for they drank from that Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ."

Out from the smitten rock in the wilderness came water which sustained the physical life of the children of Israel. This spiritualized in Corinthians gives us a Rock which can supply spiritual life to all who will partake. As the water from the rock in the wilderness was the only available supply for sustaining physical life, so Christ is the only Rock who today can give spiritual life; and all who will call upon Him will find Him a responding Rock, meeting all their needs. How glorious and wonderful it is that all is finished, that "He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

Second, He is a *compassionate* Rock. Lam. 3:22-23: "It is of the Lord's mercies

that we are not consumed, because His compassions change not. They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness." When we know our Rock is merciful and His compassions are unfailing, it gives hope and courage to the weakest faltering saint. The unfailing compassions of our Christ will supply the necessary strength to continue on with Him. Think of the Israelites out there in the wilderness about to perish, when in answer to their cry Moses was told to strike the Rock and the result was water. They lived by it. His compassion for them was their very life, and so we also may live by Him, for His compassions fail not.

Third, He is a *satisfying* Rock. Psalm 107:9: "For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Again Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities." What a wonderful stroke of God that was, which cleared away that awful record so that it is gone forever! God is satisfied and man is justified. "Gone, gone, gone, all my sins are gone." Glory!



A clergyman, meeting President Lincoln, hoped "the Lord is on our side."

The President: "I don't agree with you."

There was amazement.

The President continued: "I am not at all concerned about that, for we know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."—

Reader's Digest.

But it doesn't stop there—"Who healeth all thy diseases." Poor, crippled, blinded, and maimed race — by disobedience you have brought this calamity on yourself. But there is a living, satisfying Rock who heals all your diseases so that you may be every whit whole. But even this is not the end—"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction." Who can tell all that He has redeemed us from! But at some future happy day we shall know and shall be fully satisfied when we awake in His likeness.

And even this is not all. "Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies." Can man comprehend or know all that God puts away and all He imparts to that blessed man who is overshadowed by Him while he is being crowned with lovingkindness and tender mercies? "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." But He still goes on to satisfy—"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things." Temporal blessings are wonderful but to experience the satisfaction of our mouth being continually filled with His praise and the declaration of His wonders among men lifts the soul to the unexplicable heights of joyous satisfaction. "So that thy youth is renewed like the eagles." This satisfying satisfaction is rejuvenating and reviving to the whole man. All glory to our Rock who alone can do this.

Fourth, He is a *worthy* Rock. This responsive, compassionate, satisfying Rock is worthy of all the praise the universe He made can give Him, together with the higher praise of redeemed men who are "to the praise of His glory." And in the heaven above they will unite as one great unit to sing the new song, saying, "Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, people, and nation, and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders, and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thou-

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Introducing . . .

Our Santa Rosa Church

The Assembly of God in Santa Rosa dates its beginning back to the early year of 1906 following the gracious outpouring of the Spirit in Los Angeles and other places simultaneously throughout the country. Brother and Sister Overton were the messengers first used of God to bring the Pentecostal truth to this community.



Pastor M. P. Bohnet

Other faithful workers followed, among whom were: Brothers Prentis, Copley, Dewitt, K. Mallory, Scott, Stokley, Whitley, Richards, Chester Meyers, Everett Wilson, Walter Smith, Sister Crawford, Sister Alice Johnson. Later Brother and Sister J. Paul Thommen were called as pastors, and then Brother J. Stewart remained to shepherd the flock for about nine months. The next three years Brother V. Harold Gustafson was pastor, followed by Brother Vincent Alexander who remained for three and one-half years.

During this period of time the Assembly held their services in several different halls and buildings located in various sections of the city. However, in April, 1937, when Brother and Sister M. P. Bohnet were called as pastors, a definite building program was launched which culminated in October, 1940, with the dedication of a lovely new tabernacle located at the corner

of Davis and Earl Streets.

Brother Bohnet, who was formerly a contractor and builder, directed and assisted in the erection of the church which was started May 25, 1940, and completed six months later. The building is commodious, having an auditorium of 44 by 60 feet which seats more than 300 persons. There is also a platform sufficiently large to accommodate a choir and orchestra of 50. A unique feature is the baptistry which is located back of the platform, above the choir loft, which enables it to be seen from any part of the building without removing furniture.

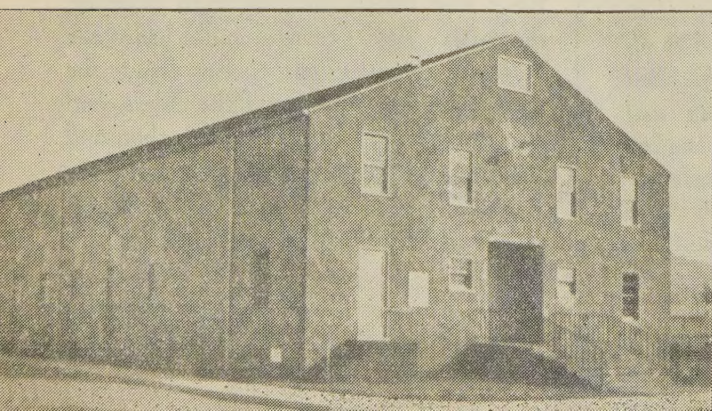
A well-built prayer room is in the rear of the platform with entrance ways from both sides of the auditorium. A work room for the Women's Missionary Council is in the rear of the church, affording plenty of light for the ladies who sew and do other commissary work. A young people's room with a seating capacity of 50 or more is located upstairs. There is also an equipped nursery, a pastor's study with outside entrance, and room for 12 Sunday School classes. Two gas furnaces, thermostatically controlled, make the building comfortable throughout. These can be converted into a cooling system during the summer months.

Brother and Sister Bohnet, the official board, and members are grateful to the Lord for His many blessings bestowed upon them. Not only do they rejoice because of the new building, but their hearts are glad because of the marked increase in membership, Sunday School attendance, Christ's Ambassadors groups, and other activities of the church.

He that asks receives the Gift; he that seeks finds the Giver; he that knocks dwells with the Giver.



Mrs. M. P. Bohnet



Assembly of God
Earl and Davis Streets
Santa Rosa, California

GOD AND THE WAR

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in pain. But if that day we could have torn the veil aside and looked into heaven, we would have seen the heart of the Father wrung with grief. His only Son, His well-beloved Son, was dying on the Cross!

Today God is still suffering. Think you He approves of war? He hates it as much, yea, ten thousand times more and suffers ten thousand times more by it than we do. He suffers by the ingratitude of man. What a beautiful world this is that God has given to man, a world wherein all has been ordered and arranged for the good and welfare of mankind. Yet man is using all for his evil ends. God has given to man a brain to think with, and a world stocked with raw materials that should be used for the betterment of society and increased usefulness of life. But all man seems to be capable of is to use his mental powers to devise ingenious methods of destroying his fellow man.

God suffers the pain of it all. He gets thanked for none of the blessings given to the world, but receives the blame for all the ills that befall it.

In that day of darkness there was a Cross, but that Cross was a dispeller of darkness. And that is true today. There is still salvation in the Christ of the Cross, the dispelling of the darkness that now envelops the world. Let the nations of the earth turn to God and He will speedily scatter the gloom and despair. The darkness of war-fears and war-burdens can be dispelled by the light of the Cross. Best of all, that deepest of darknesses is subject to the dispelling power of the Cross—the darkness of sin. When we put our faith in the Christ of the Cross our sins are forgiven, and henceforth we no longer walk in darkness but have the Light of Life shining in our souls.

*Midday was turned to midnight,
When Jesus died on the tree;
Midday was turned to midnight,
When Jesus suffered for me.
I so unworthy and helpless,
He made mine eyes to see
Glorious light, sunshine so bright,
Midnight to midday for me!
In the midst of the darkness — A
CROSS!—Elim (London) Evangel.*

Men who do not spend time with Christ will not spend treasure for Christ.

The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him."

Beloved in Christ:

In this article we shall discuss *The Pastor's Tenure of Service*. How long should

a minister stay in a given pastorate? We are living in a day of great unrest. Not only is this condition in the world at large, but it is likewise found in the church and among the ministry. It is infectious. We recently heard a speaker state that in a survey of 150 min-



Leland R. Keys

isters only two were completely happy and satisfied; ninety per cent of them were desirous of making a change. Certainly this evidences great disquietude of spirit. A man is never at his best under such conditions.

We are not free from this situation in our own fellowship. There are those who find it difficult to settle down to the hard consistent effort of the pastorate. After the newness of the fresh field of service wears off they feel the desire to try some new church. Experience leads us to say that the truth of the matter is that a pastor is not really ready to do a permanent piece of constructive work until after this "newness" wears off; just when he should stay and build for God he feels that because the sensation accompanying a new man is gone, therefore God is through with him in that place. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Permanent results are not built on sensations but upon the faithful, determined efforts of a man of God who knows how to work hard, have faith in God, and hang on until victory comes.

Sometimes we are faced with the situation in which a man who is a God-called and God-ordained evangelist is trying to do the work of a pastor. These callings of God are not to be taken lightly; nor should God's man shift lightly from one to the other merely for convenience. Paul states in Eph. 4:11, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists;

and some, pastors and teachers." God sets the members in the body, i.e., the church, as it pleases Him.

When men get out of their callings they become misfits; square pegs in round holes. Usually an evangelist does not remain very long in a pastorate; he becomes restless, uneasy, "champing at the bit" to be up and at it. Thus a man out of his calling does not make for permanency in the pastorate.

There are some churches that somehow believe that when a preacher has been with them for three or six months or a year it is time for him to move on. Such churches get the reputation of being "three month" or "six month" churches. We regret to say that in some instances the preacher is made to know that his time is up in some very unsanctified ways, such, for instance, as withholding the tithes, indifference, or outright opposition. Such churches are in a continual state of turmoil and upheaval; they are no credit to the cause of Jesus Christ and certainly are impotent when it comes to doing anything worthwhile for God.

Some men become impatient to make a change because they imagine the pasture on the other side of the fence is a little greener than their own. Sad to relate, more often than not these men have a rude awakening and discover that there is just as much stubble in the new field as there was in the old.

Some pastorates are unduly short because the church in calling a pastor did not take time to consider the matter carefully, weighing it from all angles. Some churches could save themselves from much confusion and embarrassment if they would counsel and advise with the district officer. There are churches which call men to be their pastor on the strength of one sermon through which everybody gets blessed. This is no guarantee that the man will make a good pastor; he may, and again he may not. Before calling a pastor a church should ask a number of questions about the candidate. We suggest merely a few:

Is he a truly spiritual man? Is he temperamentally suited to the type of church to which he is being called? (Churches differ temperamentally just as individuals.) Is he apt to teach? Is he able to adapt himself to the situation presented in the new field of service? Does the church have the conviction that he is able to lead the church on in God?

If a church were more careful in the selection of a pastor it would be spared the upheaval consequent from selecting a new one every few months. Moreover, it is not fair to the pastor to call him to a church, causing him to move family, etc., often disrupting the schooling of the children and causing other inconveniences only to turn him out in a few months because the church was not careful and prayerful enough in their selection of a pastor in the first place.

Now from the pastor's standpoint, what are some of the reasons for causing a man to consider a change? There may be a lack of interest and of response on the part of the people. He may feel that he is receiving unjust or unfair treatment from the church. There may be constant bickerings and friction within the church. If he is not able to bring about an adjustment in these regards he may believe that it is useless for him to remain.

Sometimes a pastor feels that he has "gone stale." In this case, more often than not, he does not need a change of pastorate half so much as he needs a short vacation or leave of absence during which he can regain his spiritual equilibrium and vision. (Wise is the church that understands this.) Preachers become tired; minds become fatigued. Many a good man resigns under such circumstances much to the loss of all.

It is well for the pastor to remind himself that even after he has done his best it is impossible to please everybody. Doctor Byington in his book, "The Minister's Week-Day Challenge" (which we highly recommend) tells of a minister confiding to a friend the fact that there was some opposition to him existing in his church, to

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Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

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Alford says that the eagle is "the symbol of judgment and vengeance rushing to its prey," and he cites these passages as references: Deut. 28:49; Hos. 8:1; Hab. 1:8. Recently Congressman Luther Patrick of Alabama put himself on record as being opposed to the eagle as our national symbol; he suggested the turkey, which he contended would be more fitting. And it is of interest to know that at the time the eagle was chosen in this country, Benjamin Franklin, who was wiser than the average statesman of his day, protested against the choice. He said that the eagle is a predatory fowl, a ruthless killer, and had been the emblem of so many disreputable kings that it would be well to leave the bird to them. But his protest was overruled by the founders of the republic, and the eagle was chosen, doubtless because it had been the emblem of the ancient Roman republic, and because it is a proud fighting bird that other birds respect. And a few years ago the *Pathfinder* said editorially, "The eagle is a bully, a tyrant, and a murderer of his kind. He never did a useful thing in his life, and could be spared from this earth with distinct advantage. He has properly been made the symbol of predatory war, but only by violence to reason can he be associated with the idea of liberty." Mark the words, "He has properly been made the symbol of a predatory war," and note the fact that he is represented in the text as the announcer of the last three of the judgment trumpets, and three that are known as the "woe trumpets."

*See the Norwegian New Testament translated from the best Greek manuscripts. Rev. 8:13 reads "eagle."—S.A.B.

THE FIFTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT:

THE FIRST WOE

Chapter 9:1-12

The last three of the seven trumpets are the "woe" trumpets. This, as we have seen, is indicated by the thrice pronounced "woe" of the eagle of verse 13 of the preceding chapter. The fifth trumpet, the first woe, consists of the Demon Locusts: The Infernal Cherubim; the sixth trumpet, the second woe, of the Infernal Cavalry; and the seventh trumpet, the third

woe, of the seven vials filled with the seven last plagues in which "is filled up the wrath of God" (15:1). In considering the fifth trumpet judgment, the first woe, let us look at

I. THE FALLEN STAR

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fall unto the earth." The R. V. gives us the correct rendering, "I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth." John did not see the star fall, he saw a fallen star. Angels are spoken of as "stars." See Job 25:5 and 38:7. And in Rev. 1:20 we read that the seven stars seen by John, in the vision, in the right hand of the glorified Son of man in the midst of the golden lampstands, "are the angels of the seven churches." Here the fallen star is undoubtedly Satan, who was once high in the counsels of God, occupying a place next to the throne itself; God's prime minister, we might say. He aspired to grasp the throne of Deity, and it was necessary that he be deprived of the position which he held, and which, for aught we know, he may have occupied for ages. He continued to be a star, retaining in his fallen state much of the glory which he had while closely associated with his Creator, but he was a *fallen* star. He it was John saw in his vision.

II. THE KEY OF THE ABYSS

"And to him was given the key of the bottomless pit," or, the abyss. Rotherham gives us the correct rendering, "There was given unto him the key of the shaft of the abyss." The R. V. renders it, "the pit of the abyss." The Con. Ver. renders it, "the well of the abyss." The word rendered "shaft" by Rotherham is the same as in Jno. 4:11, where we read in our A. V., "The *well* is deep." That there is a passage way from the *surface* of the earth to the *center* of the earth was believed by the ancient Greeks. That this is true is indicated by Scripture, and it is known unto Satan, and to the demon spirits. And that there is fire in the center of the earth seems certain. To deny it is to deny a self evident fact. At the time of this writing a volcano in Hawaii is throwing fire hundreds of feet into the air, and a great fis-

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THE MINISTER'S TASK

By C. P. SMALES, Placerville, Calif.

"Wherefore also I came without gain-saying, as soon as I was sent for; I ask therefore for what intent ye sent for me?" (Acts 10:29).

These are the words of Peter to Cornelius, who being divinely impelled had sent for him to hear words by which he and his house might be saved.

The sentiments of that day and this day are of perpetual force and application. Let us consider the reasons and intents under which people should act when they seek the aid of ministers in matters related to their salvation.

First, we notice that Cornelius sent for Peter because God directed him to do so. He had spent some time in prayer and God said unto him, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter." (Acts 10:4, 5). Would that a larger number of our laymen would spend more time in prayer before they called a minister as pastor today! There would be more fire in the pulpit and more steam in the pew if we would more earnestly seek God's direction.

But not only did God direct Cornelius, but down deep in his soul he wanted to hear the words of the Lord. He was not interested in hearing a discussion on philosophy, or a book review; he wanted to learn the way of salvation.

Peter's task, as our own, was to preach the Word. When we preach the Lord Jesus Christ and Him crucified, we have the remedy for all the sicknesses of mankind. The aim of the apostle's ministry was salvation of men and women. He was not out to make a name for himself but to honor God. Our task is to declare the truth.

What was the result of Peter's ministry? Acts 10:44 declares: "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word." Glory to God! Read on further and you will find, "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Not only that but, "many were baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48). We also know that the body of Christ was built up. His was a most blessed ministry. Ours will be too when we obey Him.

We can truly say today that when a church calls a pastor with the same intents

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

As stated in the November issue of GLAD TIDINGS it is our purpose to give a quarterly report concerning our activities. Our work during the last several months, not previously reported, has included attendance at fifteen fellowship meetings, six church dedications, three farewell services, two installation services, two conventions, two funerals, thirteen business meetings; also a number of special meetings.

Our work has taken us to the following cities and towns:

Alameda, Auburn, Antioch, Berkeley, Ceres, Colfax, Daly City, Delhi, Duns-muir, Grass Valley, Guerneville, Hayward, Half Moon Bay, Livermore, Live Oak, Lincoln, Lovelock, Nevada; Las Vegas, Nevada; Los Angeles, Madera, Martinez, Morgan Hill, Monterey, Nevada City, Oakland (four assemblies), Petaluma, Patterson, Redding, Roseville, Richmond, Reno, Nevada; Redwood City, Santa Rosa, Susanville, South San Francisco, San Leandro, San Bruno, San Rafael, Soledad, San Jose (two assemblies), San Francisco (two assemblies), Salida, Santa Cruz, Sunnyvale, Salinas, Tracy, Turlock, Vallejo, Watsonville, Weed, Westwood, Wheatland, Woodland, Winnemucca, Nevada; and Yreka.

In a number of instances it has been necessary to visit some of these assemblies a number of times.

We are reminded of the early church which sent Barnabas to look over the work of God at Antioch. The record states: "Who, when he came, and had seen THE GRACE OF GOD, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." Your District Superintendent has traveled many thousands of miles visiting the churches. He has seen THE GRACE OF GOD and his heart has been made glad. Ours is a precious fellowship. Every individual member of it has his place to fill. He is necessary; he is appreciated!—LELAND R. KEYS, *Superintendent*.

BENEVOLENT FUND

All but 33 have answered the fifth Ministerial Benevolent Fund call, and we sincerely hope these will be able to renew. Kindly remember it is \$2.00 for renewal but *it is worth it*. What a blessing this fund has been, and though we are happy 281 have answered this call, yet we would urge all of our fellowship to participate in it not only for the benefit possible, but for the benefit rendered to others in their time of sorrow.—R. J. THURMOND, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL REPORT

A report has been received this month from one of our smaller churches, as follows: "We are thankful for the gifts received from W.M.C. groups in this District at Christmas time—of canned fruit and groceries, bath towels, pillows and pillow slips, pot holders and dish towels, and two warm blankets. Our people were impressed with this care for us on the part of the District. They have also given us a grocery and a kitchen shower, which was needed very much. We can report victory in our souls as we begin another year for our Lord."

Attention, W.M.C. Sectional Chairmen: Send in a report from your section. We are interested in knowing how your groups are progressing in their work.—Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, *Assistant Director*.

DISTRICT CHANGES

TRANSFERS INTO DISTRICT:

Edna Onwiler, Summit City (Licensed) from North Central District.

H. L. Marlenee, Trinidad (Ordained) from West Central District.

Iva M. Marlenee (Mrs. H. L.), Trinidad (Ordained) from West Central District.

Lydia Pearsall, Wheatland (Ordained) from Southern California District.

TRANSFERS OUT OF DISTRICT:

Mary Jane Lewis, San Francisco (Licensed) to Kentucky District.

Willis Baker, Ukiah (Licensed) to Oregon District.

Ralph E. Price, San Jose (Licensed) to Illinois District.

M. B. Sequeira, Ceres (Ordained) to New England District.

Mrs. M. B. Sequeira, Ceres (Licensed) to New England District.

CAMPGROUND MORTGAGE

Receipts from December 20, 1940, to January 15, 1941, inclusive:

Wm. H. Elliott, Lower Lake	\$ 5.00
J. W. Gunder, Burbank	5.00
Jos. Drent, San Jose	4.00
Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Palo Alto	15.00
Rogers and Renfrow, Modesto	30.00
C. J. Custock, Vallejo	10.00
L. H. White, Oakland	1.25
J. M. Lucas, Watsonville	1.00
A. B. League, Weed	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clark, Alameda	12.50
H. D. Byram, Watsonville	4.50
Mary Savidge, Redwood City	10.00
A. and E. McBride, Rohnerville	1.00
R. J. Renfroe, Duns-muir	3.00
A. T. Ostrom, Palo Alto	10.00
Wm. C. Ross, Tulelake	1.00
L. C. Persing, Yuba City	5.00
A. A. and M. E. Lowe, Roseville	5.00
E. Wm. and G. Anderson, Oakland	1.00

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4,783.44

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SUBSCRIBERS . . .

We have received many complaints within the last two months from some of our subscribers who failed to receive their copies of GLAD TIDINGS. We are having the post office check closely on this, and we are also endeavoring to trace the cause of this trouble. Please notify us of any non-deliveries by the 10th of the month.

News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMO—A fine fellowship meeting was held January 20 with Pastor W. A. Frazier. The tabernacle was packed out. Brother R. J. Thurmond was the afternoon speaker, and Evangelist Medley brought the evening message. The Holy Spirit was outpoured on both services and many received a deeper touch; others sought the Lord for salvation at the close of the evening service.

ALTURAS—Pastor S. E. Oliver reports real victory in their Assembly since the church has moved to a new location. Sister Julia Peterson held a campaign recently with very good crowds in attendance. A revival spirit prevailed throughout the meetings.

ANTIOCH—Wilbur Ogilvie began a campaign with Pastor W. R. Patterson on Jan. 5.

ATWATER—George Wood is the new pastor, succeeding Joseph Stark who is now pastoring at Napa.

AUBURN—Evangelist Bernice Mast held a campaign with Pastor Maurice Luce from January 12 to 26.

BLUE LAKE—Sister Carolyn W. Slattery reports victory. She writes that recently one soul has been saved and two backsliders reclaimed. Several raised their hands for prayer.

COLFAX—Pastor R. C. Hoxworth reports a revival campaign held in January by Evangelist Paul Pipkin.

COVELO—Brother Charles Dennis has been called to pastor the assembly following the resignation of George Wood.

DUNSMUIR—A fellowship meeting held January 7 proved to be a time of rich spiritual blessing. The morning service was given over to testimonies. Evangelist Irving Cornelius spoke in the afternoon, and in the evening District C. A. President Harold Lehmann brought the message. Several were reclaimed, and one man was saved.

Pastor R. J. Renfroe reports the installation of an oil heater and new opera chairs in their building. A Sunday School contest between the Dunsmuir Assembly and the Yreka church, resulted in Dunsmuir attaining first place and were entertained by the losing school in a program of fellowship and food.

ESCALON—The North San Joaquin Valley fellowship meeting was held January 6 with Pastor Ely Persing. District Superintendent Leland R. Keys was the afternoon speaker. W. W. Simpson, missionary to Tibet and China for forty-eight years, spoke a few minutes prior to the evening message. Evangelist Medora Combs was the evening speaker.

Pastor Persing reports that the C.A.'s are going to Salida on Thursday evenings and conducting the service there.

FAIRFIELD—Pastor G. A. Fletcher reports a revival spirit in their regular services. Three

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Feb. 17—Fairfield.

18—Lookout.

24—Weott, Gridley, Pacific Grove.

have been saved and five have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit recently.

FALLON, NEVADA—A fellowship meeting held last month with Pastor and Mrs. Paul Charles was a time of real blessing for all who attended. Brother Lester Larson of Silver Peak was the afternoon speaker and Sister Zelma Strasdin of Janesville brought the evening message.

GRIDLEY—Evangelist J. W. Long held a campaign for Pastor Harold E. Rhodes during the month of January.

LOS BANOS—Recently eleven new members were received into the church and the work is being blessed of the Lord, reports Brother R. J. Thurmond who visited and ministered there a recent Sunday morning. However, Brother C. G. Roberts feels the Lord is leading him out so has resigned the pastorate.

LODI—Because God is so blessing in their meetings in Southern California, Brothers Rogers and Renfrow were unable to begin their campaign with Pastor Stanley McPherson as scheduled. They will, however, commence their meetings on February 9.

MIDDLETOWN—Brother and Sister L. E. Stubbs recently held a campaign for Ruby O. Curtis.

MODESTO—Evangelist Theodore E. Ness of Minneapolis, Minn. held a revival in Modesto with Pastor Donald G. Weston during the month of January.

OAKLAND—Pastor H. J. Ketner reports that Evangelist Mary Alice Bridges began a campaign at the Oakland Revival Center on December 29.

OROVILLE—A fellowship meeting held January 1 with Pastor Warren Hull proved to be a gracious time of spiritual refreshing. Brother R. J. Thurmond was the afternoon speaker, and Brother R. E. Griffin brought the evening message.

PALO ALTO—Evangelist Claude O. Wood writes that the revival fires are falling. Six have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and others are seeking God in a very definite way.

PETALUMA—Mrs. L. E. Holybee, young people's reporter, writes: "Petaluma is reporting victory by the grace of God. The young people are working and praying hard to build up the Sunday School and are gratified to see a grad-

ual increase. Plans are going forward for partitioning the basement to provide more Sunday School rooms."

PITTSBURG—A fellowship meeting was held with Pastor A. R. Gomes on January 13. The evening speaker was Miss Mary Warren from Missouri who began a campaign at Pittsburg on January 12.

RIVERBANK—Pastor K. E. Jillson informs us that they are building a Sunday School annex and are making improvements on the parsonage.

SACRAMENTO—During the time that Pastor W. T. Gaston was conducting a campaign in Dallas, Texas, Evangelist George R. Hayes supplied the pulpit of Bethel Temple. The first two weeks in January he conducted an evangelistic campaign.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel)—Pastor E. M. Johnson advises that after eight years of fruitful service at 3811 Mission Street, the Bethel Full Gospel Church has now moved to a new location in the spacious American Hall, 20th and Capps Street. Brother Johnson also states that plans are under way for the construction of a new church building. Charles G. Weston, Oregon District Superintendent, was speaker at Bethel Church on January 25 and 26.

(Glad Tidings Temple)—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Grubb held a campaign for Pastor R. J. Craig, which began December 11.

SANTA CRUZ—While Pastor P. C. Tackler is taking a few weeks' much-needed rest, Brother V. Harold Gustafson is supplying the pulpit.

SEBASTOPOL—An old fashioned Pentecostal fellowship meeting of the North Bay District was held January 20 with Acting Pastor Wesley Griggs. Pastor T. B. Don Carlos of Petaluma brought the afternoon message, and Pastor Joseph Stark of Napa was the evening speaker.

TRINIDAD—Brother H. L. Marlenee is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Robert Cull who was called to Lincoln.

TUOLUMNE—The church is building an addition to their building which can be used for Sunday School rooms and over-flow crowds. Joseph Harper, pastor.

WALNUT CREEK—Wilbur Ogilvie has been called as the new pastor.

WILLOWS—Evangelist William TaVares held a campaign during the latter part of January.

WEED—Pastor G. R. Maloney of Yreka began a campaign in Weed on January 12 with Pastor A. Byron League.

WINTERS—Pastor E. E. Zimmerman and his Assembly were hosts to the South Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting on Jan. 13.

100 PER CENT MISSIONARY CHURCH

Brother Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department at Springfield, Mo., writes that a 100 per cent missionary church is one that has contributed regularly to missionary work each month throughout the past year for at least ten out of the twelve months. If this is the rating of your Assembly, you will receive a beautiful missionary poster from Springfield in the course of the next few weeks.

Pastors who received the questionnaire card from Springfield, should fill it out at once and return it in order that the records at headquarters may be kept up to date.

Let each assembly make an effort throughout this coming year to contribute regularly to missions that we may together by the help of the Lord win new victories in those lands which are still open to the gospel.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman are open for evangelistic calls, and may be contacted by writing them at 204 Tokay Street, Lodi.

A report comes from Evangelist L. C. Wright that a recent meeting held at Woodbridge with Pastor J. R. Morse, resulted in 11 confessing Christ as their Saviour, eight being baptized in the Holy Spirit, three refilled with the Spirit, and one soul reclaimed. A number testified to bodily healings. Brother Wright began another revival at Garden Acres, east of Stockton, on January 12.

Pastor and Mrs. Seth Hartman of Healdsburg welcomed little Alvin Leland into their home on December 23.

Mrs. R. J. Thurmond's father, W. C. Bollinger of Lodi, aged 73 years, passed away January 14. Funeral services were held in Lodi on January 16.

Evangelist Lillian Powell reports the salvation of 17 souls during the first week of a revival campaign held in San Diego. In addition two have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"We are having one of the best meetings recently that we have ever had," writes Brother R. Henke from Somerton, Arizona. "We have been here a week and a half and so far 14 have been to the altar for salvation."

We are glad to hear that Sister Betty Thomen has secured a Civil Service position with the War Department at the Presidio. She is looking forward to her mother being able to quit work and keep house for her shortly. Their new address is 556-32nd Street, Oakland.

Brother and Sister Dudley Q. Boyd of Morgan Hill are being congratulated on the birth of a little daughter, who arrived on Christmas day.

Sister June Garrard supplied the Palo Alto pulpit December 15 to 22. She was also guest speaker at Oakland Temple Church on January 12.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

KENNEDYS TO SAIL

Brother and Sister John H. Kennedy are in the District now and would be glad to hold a missionary meeting in any church that they can before they go to the field. Brother Noel Perkin, General Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department at Springfield, has advised them that they should be ready to leave at a moment's notice. The only difficulty in the way at the present time is their inability to secure passage, but it is expected this will be overcome shortly.

We are hoping that these missionaries will be able to be with us during the Midwinter Convention in Sacramento and be on our missionary program Friday afternoon.

Most of us know Brother Kennedy who has been among us for a number of years, and also Sister Kennedy who was Daisy Torta. Sister Kennedy has served two terms on the African missionary field. We feel that these are our own folk and would urge that the pastors give them missionary meetings and also have your church designate some support for them. They still need about \$40 monthly towards their support.

The following is a list of items that they are still in need of, and we trust that these things will be supplied through our various churches:

For Sister Kennedy: Hose, size 10; slippers, size 42; dresses, size 42, or 4 yards of material; wash material; night dresses, size 42; bedroom slippers, size 8; wool sweater, size 40.

For Brother Kennedy: Shirts, size 15; shorts, size 32; undershirts, medium; Cashmere socks, size 10½; pajamas, flannel and lightweight summer cotton; bedroom slippers, size 9; wool sweater, size 38; 6 pairs white duck trousers, size 32 waist; 2 umbrellas.

General Needs: Folding organ (Bilhorn, special tropical-built type), small folding table and chairs, Coleman lamp, flashlight, toilet soap, tooth paste, pair woolen blankets, 6 double sheets, 2 bed spreads, dresser scarfs, metal lounge chair, small throw rugs, Coleman iron (gas), oilcloth table covers, 2 table cloths 2½ yards, one 12 gauge shotgun, curtain material, tray set for sick, 2-in-1 oil, wind charger

• Central America

Brother and Sister Ralph Williams write: "Many souls have turned to the Lord who before had not even known the gospel, and in our main assembly in Santa Ana alone about 50 have been baptized during the year. But probably the greatest amount of permanent work has been done in the sending forth of about a score of native pastors and evangelists from this year's Bible School for whom there are awaiting many open doors. We feel confident that should our Lord delay His coming for another year, many more lives will be changed as they receive from the lips of these consecrated men the soul-assuring message of salvation."

• Puerto Rico

Brother John Nicolich sends greetings from San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he is now spreading the gospel message among the natives. He reports that an opportunity was afforded him to preach on the boat while going to the Island, and upon his arrival there found many faithful saints.

• Hawaii

"Our Sunday School has grown a little but there is still room for improvement," writes Sister Bernice Strickland from Hilo. "We have lost two more of our good teachers since I returned as they had to go to Honolulu to secure work. Last Sunday night after service we baptized a young Filipino. He is returning to the Philippines, and since he accepted the Lord he wanted to be baptized before he left. Though it seems our little flock is not very large, we can say we have converts in China, the Philippines, other parts of these Islands, and also in the States."

for electricity, Electrolux kerosene refrigerator, all kinds of carpenter tools.

Brother and Sister Kennedy have a 1939 Chevrolet sport sedan which they would like to sell before they leave for the field. This car is equipped with radio and heater, has low mileage, good tires, and is in excellent condition. It is priced at \$600.

Their address while in the District is 206 Howth Street, San Francisco; or you can advise with the District office relative to any of these things that might be supplied.

OUR CORNER

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District S. S. Representative
Morgan Hill, California

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS

I have in mind this morning as I write to you, the name of a very great king. He lived many, many years ago, but was such a wonderful person that he is often talked about today.

Now if you are reading this you are going to ask, as I asked myself, "What made him a great king?" Was it his armies? Because he fought many battles? Could it have been his crown? Was it a jewel-studded throne upon which he sat? Might it have been his cleverness during his reign? Maybe it was his chariot and horses and horsemen?

No, none of these things made him famous especially, but let me tell you what he did. He slew a lion and a bear to protect his father's sheep. He killed a giant with a sling and stone that a whole army and king were afraid of. Ah, now you know who he is! But wait, wouldn't you like to know the secret back of those wonderful things which he did? And besides maybe you would like to be great too in the way he was great. I would!

Well, listen closely. This great king wrote out his secret one day and it is apparently hidden to some because it's tucked away in the rest of the many things he wrote, but just the same it is there. I wonder if you can find it. Here is the name of the book in the Bible where it is located—"Lampss" (jumbled). And here is a little problem that will let you in on the chapter and verse. Take the number that the Lord appointed in Luke 10:1. Add to that the number of loaves the little boy had in his lunch the time Jesus fed the five thousand. Now subtract from that the number of pieces of silver that the wicked brothers sold Joseph for in Gen. 37:28 and you have the number of the chapter.

You will find the number of the verse by finding out how old Joseph was when he was "feeding the flock of his brethren" in Gen. 37:2. Now that you have found out, can you name another great man of the Bible that we know of that followed this same rule? What do you say we try it for 1941?

YOUR SISTER MAST.

AN UNUSUAL FLOWER

On some of the East India Islands where so many queer things grow, is a flower that measures a full yard across its face. It has a cup-like center and five broad, thick, fleshy petals. Seen at a distance through the dark green leaves of the vines and plants among which it grows, the rich wine-tint of the flower is said to give a warmth and brilliancy of color to the whole surrounding scene. But the nearer one comes to it the less he appreciates its beauty, for in spite of its beautiful color and its great size the "raffesia-arldia" will never be admired. We are told that it has an odor that is unbearable and pollutes the air for many feet around.

Another bad trait of this flower's character is that it is lazy and will not support itself but rather makes slaves of the vines and plant-life around it by clinging to them and depending on them to hold up its heavy blossoms. Not only does it manifest its laziness in this way, but also sucks from the tendrils of the vines the plant food which it needs to keep alive; thus making them work overtime to send down into the earth sufficient root shoots to gather moisture and nutriment enough for both themselves and the "raffesia."

Its traits spoil the flower for us, don't they? So, boys and girls, beauty and fame can easily be spoiled by ugly, selfish, disagreeable and lazy traits. Let's take a lesson from the "raffesiaarldia."

A BOY'S PRAYER

*I pray, whatever wrong I do,
I'll never say what is not true;
Be willing at my task each day,
And always honest in my play.
Make me unselfish with my joys,
And generous to the other boys;
And kind and helpful to the old,
And prompt to do what I am told.
Bless every one I love, and teach
Me how to help and comfort each;
Give me the strength right living
brings,
And make me good in little things.*

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS

No doubt by now your Sunday School superintendent or secretary has received our Sunday School questionnaire for 1940. We are very anxious that each school report to us as soon as possible by this means. If for any reason you did not receive one of the questionnaire forms, let us know and we will be glad to send you one immediately.

We are so thankful for the progress that has been made in our District in the interest of our Sunday Schools this past year. God has been so good to us and we do praise Him. It is our prayer that in 1941, if Jesus tarries, we will see even greater things accomplished for His glory through our Sunday Schools.

May God help every one of us to pray fervently for more spirituality; study to be more efficient; stir ourselves to a greater zeal for His work; and by our efforts prove our interest in souls throughout this year. For these four should be characteristic of your Sunday School: spirituality, efficiency, enthusiasm or zeal, interest. The last two are helpless without the first two. The first two are ineffective without the last two.

OBJECTIVES FOR 1941

1. To fill with the Word.
2. To lead in worship.
3. To encourage Christian expression.
4. To make missionary minded.
5. To train for service.
6. To bring to a knowledge of salvation.
7. To evangelize through our Sunday School.

Because two out of three non-Jewish, non-Catholic children are not in the Sunday School, 36,000,000 boys and girls are growing up without any religious training; which means, for every child present in your Sunday School there should be two more.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Have you received your superintendent's guide from the Gospel Publishing House? If not I have one for you for the asking. It contains many helpful suggestions and should be of value to you. Be sure to get yours.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS WORLD'S ROUND TABLE

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LIFE'S INFLUENCES

By MARJORIE MADDOCKS

Standing on the bank of a river at the place where it joins the sea one may question the cause of the mighty stream. Where does it begin? Why is it so large? What sort of country does it drain? What are the stories back of all the rainfalls that have combined to swell the streams contributing their content to this body of water?

As answers may be found to the questions about the river, so may answers be found to questions that may be asked concerning the formulating and maintenance of a life; more to the point, of a Christian life in the midst of a world of doubt and unbelief, materialism and ungodliness. What factors determine the destiny of a life? What determines the course of a young life? Many breezes blow across the sea of life, but it is the set of the sail that determines the course and brings the individual bark to the desired haven.

Loves and hates each in their turn play a great part in influencing every life. These are the greatest emotions that move in the lives of men. They tenderly bind homes together. They furiously hurl one nation at the throat of another. The Christian shares in these passions, too. He loves God and hates iniquity; he loves good and hates evil; he loves truth and hates sham. A man is judged by what he loves and what he hates.

Ambition is often a great factor in the life. Seeing possible success in the pursuit of his efforts, though tired in mind and body, a man works on monotonously, day upon day. The torch of unfulfilled dreams leads him on to achievement. He bends his every effort, more and more, to attain the reward, be it only the satisfaction of slight accomplishment. Spiritual ambition, the desire to serve God better, to be pleasing in His sight, keeps the Christian facing "the Sun of Righteousness, forgetting those things which are behind, pressing on for the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Many influences bid for acceptance each day. They knock on the doors of the hearts and minds of every young person whose life-mold is not yet congealed by habit and experience. The response to these knocks is most important, for as a flood may suddenly change the course of a great river, so may a decision change the course of a whole life.

The greatest influence in any life is vision. "Where there is no vision the people perish" is the sentence of the Scriptures. The man without a vision perishes by the wayside of human endeavor. The Christian without a vision of the ever-present, never-failing Lord, working out God's purpose in his life, will fall along the way: snagged by temptation, gripped by failure, left wallowing in the pool of frustration.

The Lord placed Himself, in vision, before Isaiah; it was Isaiah's greatest need. After viewing the glory and majesty of the Lord, after experiencing the angelic touch with holy fire, Isaiah placed himself before the Lord, in disposal to serve, and cried, "Here am I, send me."

The vision outside the gates of Damascus abruptly changed the great Christian persecutor, Saul of Tarsus, to a willing

servant of the Lord Jesus, whom he once scorned. The love of God, like a mighty flood tide, swept into every channel of his being. It changed the entire course of his life, bending him so as to bear Living Water to the farthest reaches of the Roman Empire.

John Bunyan's vision changed the course of a reprobate sinner to the mighty penman of Bedford jail. Twelve years imprisonment failed to dim his vision; nor did it cause him to recant though freedom could have been purchased by the simple retreat into denial of the grace of God, which had saved him from a miserable life of sin.

We are told the secret of That Life which excelled all others. The only begotten Son of God, the Heir of all things, the King of kings, laid aside His majesty and glory to walk the earth which man had polluted by sin and selfishness. He not only walked and mingled with men, He bore the sin of each man in the world, and suffered death for it at the hands of those He came to save. How could it be? The Word of God says, "for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

If the life of our Lord and Saviour was kept in its course by "the joy that was set before Him," how much more does His disciple need to keep the vision clear! The knowledge of His presence is as a fortress in the hour of stress and strain. The realization of His power and might is a secure foundation when one feels weak and helpless. The recollection of His grace and humility is a stabilizer during times of dangerous self-inflation which may follow some measure of success.

The Christian life begins with the vision, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." "Look and live" was the order to the serpent-bitten children of Israel. And the Christian life is kept buoyantly useful by retaining the vision of Him who said, "Lo, I am with

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Christ's Ambassadors are we,
 Christ who died on Calv'ry's tree;
 Christ Arose, He broke death's claim,
 Justified us in His Name;
 Christ Ascended then on High,
 Never more again to die;
 Christ Alone, our joy and life,
 Christ Almighty in the strife.
 Christ Acknowledged day by day,
 Thus we show forth Christ Alway.
 Christ Above all else besides,—
 Blessed peace where Christ Abides;
 Blessed Hope proclaimed to men:—
 Christ Our Lord will Come Again!

—DR. HENRY B. KNOX.

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THE VISION

By HORACE McCracken

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

The first question that is asked upon reading this scripture is, Who are "the people"? With the thought in mind of perishing, it is at once suggested that there are only two classes of people in the world, namely, the saved and the unsaved. The scope of the verse, then, must include both; and indeed it does.

Suppose, for example, there is only a small group of true believers in a community, or one or two Pentecostal young people standing alone in a high school. Finally they become discouraged, begin to compromise with their testimony, and at last backslide. Do they perish alone? Surely not, but with the snuffing out of their candle, perhaps the last ray of God's pure light is extinguished, and once again some soul has failed to discharge his solemn, joyful responsibility to tell despairing hearts of the hope in Christ.

Opposition there is, yes, but this one thing each of us must remember—that opponents and fault-finders are nearly always loud-spoken and assertive in their attacks against the Christian while the greater number of earnest, serious-minded persons who deeply admire his stand are silently taking notice of his decisions and actions, and governing their own conduct by them. Their hearts bleed when this confidence in a Christian is betrayed or shattered.

Realizing that, first, the Christians, and second, the unsaved who are depending on them for their knowledge of Christ, constitute "the people," I pass at once to the "vision." It soon appears that our confidence in Christ must be part of the vision. The issue at hand is that of perishing or not perishing. Our vital concern is that we "shall not perish but have everlasting life." The vision is that something in each individual's spiritual experience which keeps his heart set as a flint toward Christ, his Redeemer and coming Bridegroom. It is that trust which impels and strengthens him to see a plenteous recompense beyond

SCHOOL NEWS

The first semester of the school year is ended. A great change has been wrought in the hearts of the students during these past four and a half months. Lives have been deepened in God, and as the wonderful truths of His Book have been revealed a genuine love for the Word of God has been born. This semester has been a profitable time because it has been spent in the presence of God.

Since the beginning of the school year a change has taken place in our nation, too. Young men have been sent to training camps to prepare themselves to fight in the battles of the world. These changing conditions display the grip that sin has obtained in this present age. We are glad that Pentecostal young people can gather in Bible School and be trained by Spirit-filled teachers to combat sin.

Following the two weeks' Christmas vacation the students resumed their various activities and studies. Each month new leaders are chosen to be in charge of the groups on practical work assignments, such as jail services and Calvary Mission meetings. Those who have served as leaders of the women students for the past semester are: M. Baker, R. Selstad, B. Manley, L. Sledd, V. Huttman, M. Keicher, D. Johnson, and M. Woods. The group leaders of the men have been: L. Leisy, R. Pratt, C. Osland, A. Raney, G. Geesey, C. Schields, and H. McCracken.—R. THOMAS.

the present pale of self-denial and sacrifice—vindication and righteousness in place of misunderstanding and criticism—and to know that beyond the horizon of the dark valley of suffering and labor Jesus is waiting with love and rest. Such was the vision of the three Hebrew children who believed God into the mouth of death, and were more than acquitted. This was the faith of Paul and Silas in the Philippian prison, who responded to a louder call than the desire of the flesh and received their "manifold more."

Hebrews 11:6 presents the two requisites of the vision as follows: "But without faith

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ALUMNI

Theodore E. Ness '36 has been appointed C.A. president of the North Central District. Brother Ness also writes that God has been blessing him in revival meetings which he has conducted during the past year throughout the Midwest, Florida, and in the northern part of the country.

The following letter was received from William Nye '38: "The first year following my graduation we were engaged in evangelistic work in Washington and California. The following year we co-pastored the work at Mayfield with Brother William Couch. For the past six months we have been pastoring at Faith Tabernacle, San Jose. I can say to the glory of God that He has graciously smiled upon our efforts in behalf of the kingdom."

Manuel Sequeira '22, now home from the Azores, writes: "After a dangerous trip across the ocean we arrived in the U.S.A. safely, for which we praise God. We are now laboring in the New England States among our people (Portuguese) as they are very numerous here. In this city alone (Fall River, Mass.) there are 30,000 and in New Bedford probably more. We made a contract with radio WNBH for one year so that we might preach to our people the unsearchable riches of Christ. So far the results are very satisfactory. Many are interested. Even a Catholic priest listened to our program while visiting one of his members. In Cambridge a priest, after receiving a card inviting him to attend our meetings, announced the services after his own mass."

George Rasmussen '37 writes: "At this time I am in evangelistic work in the State of Minnesota. The Lord has been very gracious in keeping me constantly busy in His service since I came here in June, 1939. I worked for over a year in North Dakota and held one meeting in South Dakota. I recently closed a campaign in Hibbing, Minn. At the present I am in Barnesville near Fargo, N. D. We have had good results, particularly with the young people."

Brother D. N. Asbury Jr. '40 writes from Atlanta, Georgia: "We have helped and preached some in the tent meetings around the city. We surely did enjoy our stay at the camp meeting, and we are glad, too, that we went to G.T.B.I."

Send all Alumni reports to Wm. A. Weinman, Secretary, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco.

THE PRESENT CRISIS

Challenged by the lack of church attendance on the part of the unsaved as well as the great army of American youth which is under no religious training or influence, the scriptural program of congregational and child evangelism is beginning to solve the problem and bring definite results in many localities.

The term "congregational evangelism" refers back to the inauguration of the church on the day of Pentecost, when every member of that body of one hundred and twenty came down the steps of the upper room to meet the world of unregenerated hearts with a burning passion fanned into flame by the fire of the Holy Spirit. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me"—"Ye shall be witnesses unto ME." These words spoken as part of the command and promise of Jesus before He ascended, re-echoed through their entire being—"Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you—AND YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME."

The first part of the promise had been fulfilled in the Upper Room. The Holy Spirit had come upon them, and now down to the multitudes they must go that the latter part of this glorious promise might be fulfilled through their lives.

So today, hundreds of thousands have had the upper room experience, but many have been content to remain there, consuming upon themselves the blessing received. If, in this present crisis moment, the entire ranks of Spirit-filled believers "come down the stairs" to meet a sin-torn, sorrow-throbbing world with their individual witness to the power of Christ to lift them up above the shadows, there will be a mighty spiritual "blitzkrieg" that will overthrow the powers of darkness and bring in the greatest harvest of souls the church has ever known.

The startling condition of the youth of our land may be seen in the records of our criminal courts, in the restlessness and discontent in youth groups over the country, thus providing fertile breeding grounds for all sorts of subversive and immoral doctrines, and is also seen in the empty ranks of the church and Sunday School.

The Gospel Crusade for Children, which is gaining momentum in a number of churches, is meeting the problem of the unchurched children from six to fourteen years of age—that plastic period of life—in an almost miraculous manner. This age

THE GREATEST WORK

*He built a house; time laid it in the dust.
He wrote a book, its title now forgot.
He ruled a city, but his name is not
On any tablet graven, or where rust
Can gather from disuse, or marble bust.
He took a child from out a wretched cot,
Who on the State dishonor might have brought,
And led him to the Christian's hope and trust.
The boy, to manhood grown, became a light
To many souls, and preached for human need
The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.
The work has multiplied like stars at night
When darkness deepens; every noble deed
Lasts longer than a granite monument.*

—SELECTED.

group—the future of our country and our church—is of vital importance and must be reached with the gospel.

The Sunday School can meet this need to a great extent, but there are a large proportion of people who have no interest in the church, and to reach these, if we first bring their children into home Bible classes, held right in their immediate neighborhood, we shall then have an entrance into these homes to witness for Christ. The only limit to the effectiveness of this plan is the number of workers. In almost every city we find that two out of three, or three out of four children in the public schools are not in any Sunday school.

Home Bible classes are carried on throughout the year by any church as an extension department of the Sunday School. In most cities it is found that within a month from the time the home classes start, they are reaching twice or three times as many children as they have been doing in the Sunday School which has been organized for years. The home Bible classes are a constant feeder to the Sunday School and church. For the objective of these classes is not only to lead the children to Christ, but also to get them into the church for further Christian training and the development of a balanced Christian character.

The children are the latch-string of the home; going home from their classes with their bright, happy choruses and Bible Stories they take the seed of God's Word right into these Bible-less homes, and the way is thus prepared for the teachers and workers to visit the parents and give a definite witness for Christ in "congregational evangelism." Other phases of "Going with the Gospel" reach other age groups, but the quickest results and the most responsive reaction has come in the "Gospel Crusade for Children."—Willard C. Peirce.

THE EMPTY PEW

"Thou shalt be missed because thy seat shall be empty" (1 Sam. 20:18).

The empty pew has an eloquent tongue. Though its message is unpleasant, it is one all may hear. To the Preacher it says, "Your sermon isn't worth while." To the Visitor it whispers, "You see, we aren't quite holding our own." To the Treasurer it shouts, "Look out for the deficit." To the Stranger who is looking for a church home it suggests, "You'd better wait awhile." To the Member present it asks, "Why don't you go visiting next Sunday?"

The empty pew speaks against the service. It kills inspiration . . . it smothers hope . . . dulls the fine edge of zeal.

The empty pew is a weight. The occupied pew is a wing.

THE VISION

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it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that *He is*, and that He is a *rewarder* of them that diligently seek Him." Faith, then, is synonymous with vision. Faith, as in the above figure, is believing that our Lover-Lord actually does stand there over the horizon and that He does have a reward for those who believe Him with all their hearts. As to where that faith comes from—the source is Christ, by means of the Holy Spirit. Every born-again person had and exercised that faith at the time he was saved, and exercises it continually. And from no inquiring sinner will that necessary faith ever be withheld.

The vision is the saved one's deep confidence in his Lord, and the burning conviction that to win Christ is worth much more than the sum total of everything else that men may win.

But some do lose the vision and perish—perish from service and joy—perish from the ranks of duty, and perish from reward. Each of us must consecrate himself to a stronger vision.

MINISTER'S TASK

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and purposes as Cornelius did when he sent for Peter, the same results will follow. The church can say to the pastor: "Thou hast done well that thou art come. Now therefore we are all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God" (Acts 10:33).

THE VOICE

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which his layman friend replied, "What unutterable conceit! to think that you had the ability to please everybody." The author then goes on to say, "There always is some disaffection, covered or open. . . . So long as the hostile element constitutes less than ten per cent, 'Why Worry?'"

The pastor ought not to resign because of the dissatisfaction of a few.

Churches, like individuals, go through periods of spiritual dearth and walk at times through "a dry and thirsty land where no water is." At such times the enemy is especially busy in trying to get the pastor discouraged so he will leave the field. Furthermore, at such times the devil sees to it that he works on the unspiritual members of the church putting dissatisfaction into their hearts and encouraging them to sow unrest, and a spirit of discord among the assembly. During these times of special testing a church should stand with a pastor as never before, holding up his hands by loyal cooperation, prayer, and all those Christian graces which become children of God.

A pastor should not resign from a church because of times of temporary spiritual dearth.

When should a minister terminate his period of service? When he has a conviction, after much prayer and consideration, that his work is finished and the time has now come for him to move to a new field of labor. When should he resign? When the majority of the godly, spiritual, and thoroughly reliable members of the church feel that the time has come when it is for the best interests of all concerned that the pastor relinquish the field to another godly man who can take up where the present pastor leaves off. The spirituality of pastor and people will be revealed at this time; if unreality is present in the lives of those concerned, the day of parting will be stormy and the sky will be full of clouds; if they are truly spiritual the day will close with a "beautiful sunset."

A man cannot do a permanent piece of work in a short time. If a church is of any size it takes a year or two to become acquainted with the people. Moreover, it is self-evident that churches characterized by a succession of short pastorates are usually weakened by such procedure until they become impotent to do a lasting piece

OUR ROCK

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sands, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength and honor, and glory and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth forever and ever."

Oh, what a scene to visualize now! But what will it be like to be there, to see, to feel, to hear, as the heavens vibrate with our voices. We who are so wonderfully redeemed now shall then know and be fully released to worship and glorify Christ, our worthy Rock.

Fifth, He is the *eternal* Rock. Deity incarnate and glorified. Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." John in his Patmos vision exclaims, "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead, and He laid His right hand upon me saying unto me, Fear not, I am the first and the last, I am He that liveth, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever more." He was to die no more, for death could no more have dominion over the glorified, immaculate Son of God; and as He lives we shall live also.

"After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, and worshiped saying, Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honour, and power and might, be unto our God forever and ever" (Rev. 7:9-12).

"And the seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven saying, of work for God.

A minister whom we all esteem very highly said to the writer some time ago, "I have been the pastor of our church for fifteen years, and, God willing, I expect to be there fifteen years more." Good! Where a pastor loves and faithfully serves his people and is beloved by them and where the blessing of the Lord is resting upon the work there is no reason for either pastor or people to think of a change.

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

When we see Him there we will be better able to express our desire to exalt, magnify, and praise our glorious Rock, who has so readily responded to our call because of His great compassion for us, and who has satisfied us so fully during our pilgrim journey that we cry again and again, "Worthy is He who has done such great things for us and thereby has enabled us to share His eternal glory." And as we reign with Him in His glory, "There shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face, and His mark shall be in their foreheads, and there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light and they shall reign forever and ever."

LIFE'S INFLUENCES

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you always even unto the end of the world."

The countries at war have the vision of victory before them. Much of the propaganda employed is aimed at destroying that vision in the minds of the people of the enemy country. It is known that the vision of victory is the morale to press on in the face of difficulties. A country may suffer the loss of many assets and still fight on, perhaps to ultimate victory; but with loss of morale, the finest equipment is of no avail and defeat is inevitable.

The Christian may be well equipped. He may have good training, knowledge of the Word, skill in handling the Sword of the Spirit, a resolute will, and the archives of his memory filled with Spiritual experience. These are great assets and he may have all these, but without the spiritual morale born of vision and without a living communion with the Lord he loses the power to use them. Thus he may fall before the onslaughts of the enemy of his soul: he may miss God's best for His life, or worse, he may lose his soul's salvation.

The writer to the Hebrews, after calling to mind the heroes of faith, challenged the believer to strip off every besetting sin and enter the race that is set ahead. The prescribed way to maintain the course is "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2).

REVELATION

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sure five miles long has been opened in its side, and lava is flowing like a river down toward the plains below, threatening human habitations. The abyss is evidently the proper abode of demons. Some are already confined there, and it is likely that when Satan shall be bound, and consigned to the abyss (20:1-3), all demons that now have their liberty will be confined there with him. The word that is rendered "deep" in Luke 8:31 is this same Greek word *abussos* which is rendered "bottomless pit" in every passage in the Authorized Version except in this passage in Luke, and one other passage. A glance at Luke 8:31 leads us to see that undoubtedly the demons were fearful that their liberty which they had been enjoying would be curtailed by Jesus, and that they would be required to go into confinement in the abyss to which they knew they were to be at some time in the future consigned.

Mark the fact that to Satan was given the key to the abyss, or, "the key of the shaft of the abyss," by which I understand the shaft leading down to the abyss where demon spirits are held in confinement. Satan does not possess this key. It is in the keeping of the Lord, and at the time of which this prophecy speaks the Lord will deliver it to Satan that he may make use of it. Satan can only act as he is permitted to act by God. He is under God's control, and can do nothing unless God grants permission. Witness the case of Job. Satan was helpless, so far as harming Job was concerned, until God permitted him to attack the patriarch, and even then his power was circumscribed by God; he could go so far, and no further.

III. THE ABYSS OPENED

Satan, having been given the key, proceeded immediately to open the shaft of the abyss. If he had the key at the present time he would doubtless open it now; God is going to keep the key in His own keeping until the proper time shall come, and then, that the shaft may be opened, He will give the key to Satan. After the shaft shall have been opened, the key will be taken again by God, and will remain afterwards in God's keeping. It seems likely that the shaft of the abyss will remain open, after Satan shall have opened it, until the tribulation period shall come to

an end, at which time Satan will be put into the abyss, and the shaft will be closed, and sealed over him. See 20:3, R. V.

IV. THE SMOKE THAT EMERGED FROM THE ABYSS

There are those who would have us believe that this is all symbolic. Dr. Ironside, for instance, says, "Darkening of the sun by means of these Stygian fumes implies the blotting out, from men's eyes or minds, the supreme source of light. The whole spiritual sky will be made dark by the false system with which they will be deluded. The air is particularly Satan's realm. He is called 'the prince of the power of the air.' The darkening of the air implies the control of this realm by Satanic agencies. I do not think we will be far wrong if we identify with this coming delusion the occult systems of gnostic origin, so largely prevailing and so rapidly spreading at the present time." And Philip Mauro says, "Clearly this smoke is spiritual. It affects the sun (the power of government) and the air (the spiritual realm)." Opposite these words, in the margin of Mauro's book, "The Patmos Visions," I have written, "Just a guess." That is all it is! *that* and nothing more. If no volcano had ever belched forth fire and smoke, and the Bible were to tell us that in the last days a great mountain would have a crater at its top, and that out of that crater fire and smoke would come from the bowels of the earth, the wise men would all tell us that we should understand the prophecy in a symbolic sense. They would say, "Clearly this fire and smoke must be regarded as spiritual." Let us believe what the Word says. Mauro, and others, believe that the prophecy has already been fulfilled. They say it was fulfilled in Mohammed and Mohammedanism. But with their conclusions I disagree. The prophecy is yet to be fulfilled. If the abyss is the center of the earth, when the shaft which leads down to it shall be uncapped, smoke, literal smoke, will most certainly emerge.

V. THE DEMON LOCUSTS THAT COME OUT OF THE SMOKE

"And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth." We can be sure that these locusts will not be ordinary locusts. Such locusts as these this world has never known. From the description that has been afforded of them, and from the fact that they are seen in the vision to emerge from the abyss, which is evidently

the proper abode of demons, we can be quite sure that they are *demon* locusts, and that they are called locusts on account of their great number, and on account of the fact that in the vision they more nearly resembled locusts than any other earthly creatures John had ever seen.

VI. THE POWER THAT WAS DELEGATED UNTO THESE DEMONS

"Unto them was given power as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing; neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads." Notice the fact that power was given them *for a certain purpose*, and that their power was *restricted*. The sealed ones, the 144,000 of chapters 7 and 14 (in chapter 7 we have a picture of this company before the tribulation, and in chapter 14 a picture of the same company after the tribulation), they had no power to harm; in other words, the sealed ones were immune to the attacks of the demon locusts. But all others were liable to attack. "And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man." And those who have been stung by scorpions tell us that the agony is excruciating, almost indescribable. The terribleness of this divine judgment is set forth in very graphic language, "And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them." Suicide has been quite common in the world, and is more common at the present time than ever before. It is on the increase. When life, in the judgment of man, becomes intolerable, he takes it; thinking that death ends all, or that suicide is not a great sin; he regards it as the easiest and quickest way to get out of his misery. But there will be, after these demon locusts shall have emerged from the abyss, a mysterious power that will restrain men from committing suicide. Perhaps God will put into the hearts of humanity such a terrific conviction of impending judgment after death that they will fear to usher their souls into eternity and rush unprepared into the presence of an offended Deity. How men will be restrained we are not told, but that they *will be restrained* has been made very clear.

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PROGRAM

Services 10 a. m. — 2 p. m. — 7 p. m.

Monday Night: Great Rally Service.

Tuesday Morning: Pastoral Conference. Speaker: Brother Ely Persing of Escalon. Subject: Elements of Success in the Life of the Minister.

Afternoon: Speaker: Brother Charles G. Weston of Salem, Oregon, District Superintendent of Oregon District Council, Assemblies of God. Subject: The Stewardship of the Local Church.

Night: Speaker: Brother Ben Hardin of Alhambra, California, District Superintendent of Southern California District Council, Assemblies of God.

Wednesday Morning: Pastoral Conference. Speaker: Brother Donald G. Weston of Modesto, California. Subject: The Minister in His Study.

Afternoon: Speaker: Brother E. O. Robeck of Stockton, California. Subject: Pastoral Evangelism.

Night: Speaker: Brother Ben Hardin.

Thursday Morning: Pastoral Conference. Speaker: Brother H. C. Warwick of San Francisco. Subject: The Minister in His Pulpit.

Thursday Afternoon: 1:00 p. m.—Women's Missionary Council. 2:00 p. m.—Regular Service. Speaker: Brother R. T. Doherty of Redding, California. Subject to be announced.

Night: Preliminaries in charge of Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Speaker: Ben Hardin.

Friday Morning: Pastoral Conference. Speaker: Brother H. Sterett Lehmann of Oakland. Subject: The Minister in the Home.

Afternoon: Great Home and Foreign Missionary Service.

Speakers: Brother Fred Vogler of Springfield, Mo., Assistant General Superintendent, Assemblies of God.

Miss Marguerite Flint on furlough from Assembly of God Bible Training School, Hardoi, U.P., India.

Brother William W. Simpson of Peking, China.

Home Missions will be represented by Brother Floyd W. Thomas of Happy Camp, Calif.

Night: Great Christ's Ambassadors service. Speaker: Ben Hardin.

Note: An open forum will be conducted each morning in the Pastoral Conference following the address. All are urged to take part in the discussion.

Write Albert J. Lebeck, 2622 W Street, Sacramento, for reservations. Accommodations will be provided for ministers and their wives as far as possible.